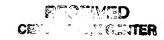
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Notices of Allowance and Allowability, dated December 15, 2004. This paper is to request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw his objection to the drawings as failing to show that the depth of the slot that receives the coupling pin is less than the thickness of the gear. This feature is clearly shown in both FIGS 3 and 5.

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